16. Vocational University, Delhi.

17. Uttar Pradesh Vishwavidyalaya, Kosi Kalan, Mathura (U.P.).

18. Maharana Pratap Shiksha Niketan Vishwavidayalaya, Pratapgarh, (U.P.).

19. Raja Arabic University, Nagpur.

20. Urdu University, Motia Park, Bhopal.

Re-Orientation of Higher Education

5761. DR. PRABIN CHANDRA SARMA :
SHRI N. DENNIS :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to re-orient higher education to make it more effective to so to utilise the human resources relevant to the practical aspect of life; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA) : (a) and (b) University Grants Commission (UGC) has initiated a Scheme for Vocationalisation of Education at the first degree level. 31 Universities and 692 colleges have already introduced vocational courses in Sciences, Engineering & Technology, Commerce & Economics, Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences under the above Scheme.

By-Pass on National Highway No.4

5762. SHRI RAM NAIK : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that the dusty four K.M. stretch on the Mumbra-Kausa area of National Highway No.4 has claimed 108 lives in six years;

(b) whether Government are also aware that as far back as 1982 the National Highways Authority had planned to build a by pass from the railway overbridge near Muohra to the Bharat Gears factory which could have prevented flow of traffic; and

(c) if so, the reasons for not constructing the proposed by pass so far ?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

[Translation]

B.Ed. Courses

5763. SHRI JAYSINH CHAUHAN : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any provision under which Primary School Teachers, who are graduates and post graduates and teaching in Government and recognised schools can do B.Ed. through correspondence or any other Government provision for their promotion;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the names of such universities and colleges from where the Primary School teachers can do B.Ed. through correspondence State-wise and location-wise;

(d) the number of Primary School Teachers who have been provided B.Ed degrees by these Universities and Colleges during each of the last three academic sessions and the current academic session;

(e) the target fixed for the year 1997-98 in this regard;

(f) whether the Government propose to increase the said number in future;

(g) if so, the details thereof; and

(h) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA) : (a) and (b) Primary school teachers in Government and recognised schools may pursue B.Ed. Courses of their choice for purposes of career advancement subject to their eligibility and relevant rules of States/Union Territories concerned.

(c) The names of universities in different States offering B.Ed. Correspondence Courses are given in the attached statement along with their location.

(d) The Universities do not specifically allocate seats for primary school teachers in B.Ed. courses.

(e) to (h) Do not arise.